

Remarks

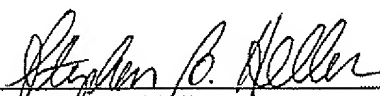
We are in receipt of the Office Action dated September 7, 2006, and the following remarks are made in light thereof.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Pursuant to the Office Action, claims 1-5 and 7-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable under Bayne US 5,308,211 in view of Redding et al. US 5,466,110. This rejection was made final. Claims 6 and 12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were deemed to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims

Claim 6 is dependent from claim 1 through claims 4 and 2. Claim 12 is dependent from claim 7 through claims 10 and 8. By way of the foregoing Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of claims 2, 4 and 6; claim 7 has been amended to include all the limitations of claims 8, 10 and 12. Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 have been canceled. Claims 3 and 9 have been amended to change their dependency to claims 1 and 7, respectively. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 are now allowable, and that the application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. An early Office Action in this regard is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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